NOTICE OF DECISION UNDER REGULATION 32
FILM POSTERS

MAILING BOX

TO: The Film and Video Labelling Body Inc.
PO Box 2627
Ponsonby
Auckland

Pursuant to regulation 32 of the Films, Videos, and Publications Classification Regulations 1994 the film poster entitled:

Strange Sex in Strange Places

is Not Approved

if approval refused, the reasons for the decision:

The Classification Office is required, in accordance with Regulation 28, to consider whether the mailing box would likely to be classified as objectionable if the mailing box was submitted under section 13(1) of the Act for classification under section 23 of the Act. Section 23 of the Act requires examination of the publication taking into account relevant criteria stated in section 3 of the Act. In consideration of s3(3)(a)(iii) of the Act, the images on the back cover of the mailing box collectively depict graphic close focus shots of sexual conduct of a degrading and dehumanising nature. Close focus depictions of splayed labia, saliva dripping down genitalia, a female's hands inserted into a second female's vagina, torsos and genitals only, are presented. The manner of these depictions divests these individuals of other human characteristics and reduces them in rank to a collection of genitalia for the benefit of the viewer.

The graphic depictions of sexual activity and splayed genitalia are considered to colour the dominant effect of the mailing box to such a degree that the availability of this mailing box is considered likely to be injurious to the public good. The close focus depiction of a female's shaved genitalia covered in saliva combined with other images of splayed vaginas and labia reduces these women to a collection of orifices in a harsh and voyeuristic manner. In consideration of the relevant criteria under Section 3 of the Act and the depictions as discussed, this mailing box is not approved.

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Date 07 August 1995

Chief Censor of Film and Literature (signed)

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